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Application No. 09/901,979

Amendment in Response to Office Action dated August 25, 2004

Amendments to the Claims:

The present listing of the claims replaces all past listings of the claims:

Listing of claims

Claims 1-8. (Canceled).

Claim 9. (Previously Presented) A method of protecting an industrial material against the deleterious effects of microorganisms, said method comprising applying to said industrial material an amount of the antimicrobial composition according to claim 15 that is effective to protect said industrial material against said microorganisms.

Claim 10. (Canceled).

Claim 11. (Previously Presented) The antimicrobial composition according to claim 15, wherein the second ingredient is an azole selected from the group consisting of tebuconazole and propiconazole.

Claim 12. (Previously Presented) The antimicrobial composition according to claim 15, wherein the second ingredient is tebuconazole.

Claim 13. (Canceled)

Claim 14. (Canceled)

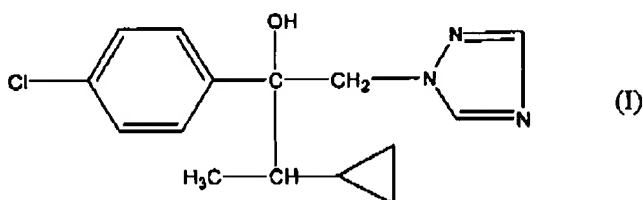
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Claim 15. (Currently Amended) An antimicrobial composition comprising a synergistically effective amount thereof of:

- a) a first ingredient, which is α -(4-chlorophenyl)- α -(1-cyclopropylethyl)-1H-1,2,4-triazole-1-ethanol of the formula (I):



(cyproconazole) or a metal salt complex or acid addition salt thereof; and

- b) a second ingredient, which is an azole selected from the group consisting of triadimefon, triadimenol, bitertanol, tebuconazole, and propiconazole, azoxaconazole, hexaconazole, prochloraz, bromuconazole, metconazole, penconazole, difenoconazole, fenbuconazole, epus and fenisilazole.